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Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Public Representation. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Response:

Following the decision of a private company to cease the mobile Cath Lab Services at Sligo University Hospital, the Saolta Group worked with hospital management on possible contingency measures.

All options have been explored in relation to the continued provision of Cath Lab Services in Sligo after the cessation by the current service provider later this month.

In light of these considerations and the lack of private service providers in the marketplace, it is not possible for the service to continue in Sligo when the mobile service ends on 30th June. As a result the service will temporarily be provided at University Hospital Galway. Strong Clinical Service links are in place currently between Sligo and Galway, with an existing Cardiologist at SUH providing a sessional commitment at UHG. Designated access will be provided for Sligo patients at the UHG Cath Lab Unit.

Any decision to develop a permanent or fixed Cath Lab service in Sligo can only be considered in the context of the National Review of Cardiac Services which we expect to be published later this year.

I trust that this addresses your query.

Yours sincerely,



Grainne McCann,
Hospital Manager.

Mission Statement

*Sligo University Hospital is committed to the delivery of a high quality, patient centred service in a safe, equitable and efficient manner.
We recognise and value the contribution of each staff member and endeavour to support them in their ongoing development.*